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IN RE APPLICATION OF: VERNON J. BOULIGNY

SERIAL NO.: 09/289,375 ART UNIT: 3652

FILED: APRIL 9, 1999 EXAMINER: KRAMER, D

FOR: "TUBULAR RUNNING TOOL"

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AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 11, 2000, as extended by a three month extension of time, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 5 and 17. The preceding cancellations were not necessitated by the prior art nor is Applicant surrendering any scope of the present invention because of the prior art.

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a1 1. (Amended) A tubular running tool connectable to a drilling rig assembly for inserting and

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